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SUBJECT: ENRILE ON "DOMESTIC RECONCILIATION" AND BASE
- NEGOTIATIONS

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1. AT SEPTEMBER 14 MEETING REPORTED REFTEL, ENRILE MADE BRIEF COMMENT TO EXPLAIN WHY HE DOUBTS IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES THIS FALL. HE SAID HE HAS BEEN GIVEN A VERY IMPORTANT AND DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENT BY PRESIDENT MARCOS - MAINTAINING AND PROMOTING THE DIALOGUE TOWARD DOMESTIC RECONCILIATION.

2. LATER IN THE MEETING ENRILE TOOK THE INITIATIVE IN RAISING MILITARY-TO-MILITARY BASE TALKS. AFTER COMMENTING THAT PHIL SIDE FULLY RECOGNIZES NEED FOR UNHAMPERED OPERATIONS BY US FORCES, ENRILE EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT TALKS
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HAVE BENRESUMED. H SAID THEY SEEMED TO BE PROGRESSING QUITE WELL AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT ON ALL POINTS BEFORE VERY LONG.

3. HE THEN NOTED THAT TWO SIDES HAD AGREED ON "EVERYTHING ABOUT CLARK", INCLUDING NEW REGIME FOR CROW VALLEY, AND WERE NOW TACKLING SUBIC ISSUES -- INCLUDING SUBIC BAY

WATERS AND WATERSHED. HE NOTED SATISFACTORY SOLUTION HAD APPARENTLY BEEN FOUND FOR GRANDE ISLAND. HE ENDED WITH AN EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE THAT THE SUBIC ISSUES COULD BE SETTLED TO MUTUAL SATISFACTION ON BOTH SIDES -- AFTER WHICH TALKS COULD MOVE ON TO QUESTION OF PERIMETER SECURITY.

4. COMMENT: IT IS NOTABLE, AND SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGING, THAT THERE WAS NO HINT OF DISPLEASURE OR DISSATISFACTION ON ENRILE'S PART ON RESUMPTION OF TALKS OR CONTENTS OF AGREEMENTS REACHED (AD REFERENDUM) TO DATE. ENRILE LOOKED VERY SERIOUS, ALMOST OVERBURDENED, WHEN TALKING OF HIS "RECONCILIATION" ASSIGNMENT. WE WILL SEEK EARLY OCCASION TO DRAW HIM OUT ON WHAT IS INVOLVED HERE. TOUSSAINT

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